

Recruiting screening team visits CAFB

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The Air Force Recruiting Screening team holds a one-hour briefing at 10:30 a.m. April 28 at the family support center.

The briefing is for senior airmen through master sergeants with 16 years or less who want more information on recruiting services.

“Being a recruiter gives you the chance to choose your next assignment and possibly manage your own office near or in your home state,” said Master Sgt. Victor Tennant, 14th Flying Training Wing career assistance advisor.

The team from Randolph AFB, Texas, is here to answer people’s questions about recruiting.

In addition to volunteers and people in mandatory retraining career fields, recruiting officials encourage those people who were identified by the Air Force Personnel Center and who were approved by their commander for recruiting duty to attend the briefing.

The briefing focuses on the many benefits of being a recruiter and addresses many of the rumors associated with recruiting duty.

Spouses are also encouraged to attend so they fully understand the challenges and rewards of becoming a recruiter.

“Recruiters have more flexibility to their schedules and where they work — it’s an all around great opportunity,” Sergeant Tennant said.

Recruiting school is seven weeks long at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Instruction includes Air Force benefits and entitlements, program selection criteria, advertising and promotion, community relations, speech, and salesmanship. Most of the course emphasis is on student performance or practical application.

Airmen interested must be qualified in their Air Force specialty code. They must not have any “3” enlisted performance reports within the last three reporting periods, and they must have a valid state driver’s license.

For more information, call Sergeant Tennant at Ext. 7004 or visit the screening team’s website is www.rs.af.mil/RTR.htm.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, and Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, go over operations of an all terrain vehicle with 2nd Lt. Timmothy Gorske, 14th Security Forces Squadron.

Four-star visits Columbus AFB

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The Air Education and Training Command commander passed on his five principles of success to the Air Force’s newest pilots during a visit to the base April 3 and April 4.

During his visit, Gen. Don Cook also toured base facilities and conducted enlisted and officers’ calls.

“Leadership, flight discipline, sound judgment, teamwork and integrity will help you succeed,” said General Cook, during his

remarks to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-07 graduates.

Using an anecdote about a young boy who was struck by a car after following two men across a busy intersection against a red traffic light, General Cook asked the question, “Is it safe for America’s sons and daughters to follow you as an officer, flight lead or commander?”

In addition to leadership, General Cook said flight discipline is the foundation for success; indecision is the worst option when facing a judgment call; and teamwork is the tool

that makes things happen.

“Teddy Roosevelt said the best thing you can do is to make the right decision,” General Cook said to illustrate his point about sound judgment.

“The second best thing you can do is to make the wrong decision, but the worst thing there is, is to make no decision,” he said.

General Cook said the fifth principle — integrity — is an individual responsibility that affects everyone.

“Each of you individually is responsible for the collective integrity of the Air Force,” he said.

Civil engineers to hold Earth Day activities

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The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight holds an Earth Day event from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 25 at Freedom Park.

Third graders from Lowdnes-County public schools will learn how their everyday actions touch the environment today and into the future.

“The activities planned are to help children learn how their normal everyday activities affect the earth and how to take care of it,” said Miranda Brannon, environmental flight.

Earth Day opens with “Michael Recycle,” Air Education and Training Command recycling superhero. There are nine, 15-minute stations ranging from how to make paper to how much a bale of recycled materials weighs.

High school students from the Mississippi School of Mathematics and Science are volunteering to usher the children together from station to station.

“Children always get excited about things they learn,” said Renee Howell, recycling manager. “Hopefully, they will take all this information back to their parents and help them learn something new.”

The money from sponsor donations is providing free hotdogs, chips and drinks to the children. During lunchtime, the children roam free to play recycling games, horseshoes, explore the playground and the moonwalk.

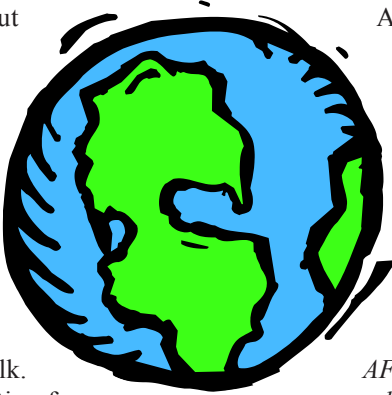
The theme for Earth Day 2003 is “Action for a Healthy Environment,” encouraging a call to action in local communities.

“The 14th CES environmental flight would like to

thank the Forestry Commission, Weyerhaeuser, Holcim Cement, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, GTR Solid Waste Management Authority, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Plymouth Bluff Environmental Learning and Ducks Unlimited for their help,” said Michael Smith, environmental flight chief.

For more information on Earth Day activities, call Ext. 7310 or visit www.earthday.gov.

(Editor’s note: The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Columbus AFB a Tree City U.S.A. This is the 10th year the base received this national recognition. Col. James Playford, 14th Mission Support Group commander, accepts the Tree City U.S.A. Flag at 2 p.m. April 25 from the Mississippi State Forester Rick Olson.)



3 vacation resorts close due to war

WASHINGTON — The war in Iraq, increased force protection and a declining dollar value overseas has forced Army officials to close three of its armed forces recreation centers in Europe a year earlier than planned.

The Von Steuben Hotel in Garmisch will close Wednesday, while the Chiemsee Lake and Park hotels will remain open through Sept. 1 and close permanently the next day. All three hotels were originally scheduled to close in October 2004.

Meanwhile, Garmisch’s Patton Hotel, Alpenblick Golf Course, outdoor recreation equipment checkout center, tour service and the campground will stay open.

“Because of the world situation, we’ve had to adjust our operations,” said Pete Isaacs, chief operating officer at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The Army center runs the recreation centers, which are open to all Department of Defense identification-card holders, active-duty and reserve components, retirees and their families.

“Many of our customers in Europe are deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and their families are taking care of business at home,” said Mr. Isaacs. “Understandably, vacations are on hold. As a result, current and predicted occupancy has fallen dramatically.”

Mr. Isaacs said other factors that hurt AFRC Europe operations were increased security concerns and the value of the U.S. dollar overseas.

“We’ve had to deal with a 19-percent devaluation of the dollar against the Euro, which is the currency used to pay for 50 percent of our operating expenses,” Mr. Isaacs said.

Remaining AFRC Europe facilities in Garmisch will stay open while the new 330-room hotel Sheridan there is under construction. The hotel will open in October 2004, the date Army had planned to end all operations in Chiemsee and close the hotel in Garmisch.

Mr. Isaacs said the resort closures will reduce the number of available guest rooms at AFRC Europe hotels from 343 to 119.

“During peak seasons, if we need additional rooms, guests will be referred to commercial hotels in Garmisch at rates comparable to those of the AFRC hotel,” he said. *(Courtesy of American Forces Information Service.)*



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OSC scholarship winners

Christy Milner, officer spouses club scholarship chairman, hands Mary Louisa Cleveland, scholarship recipient, a certificate. The OSC gave scholarships totalling \$7,000 to Kelly Thomas, Columbus High School student, Barrett Alexander, Columbus High School student, Nicholas Toombs, Immanuel’s Center for Christian Education, and Anna Frye, Mississippi State University.

UCMJ FILES

The following is the staff judge advocate report for Jan 1 to March 31. Administrative and disciplinary actions are published to educate people on the possible consequences of misconduct.

Articles 15

A technical sergeant was reprimanded and suspended reduction to staff sergeant for violating an other general order — misuse of government computer.

A senior airman was reprimanded, suspended reduction to airman and earned seven days extra duty for dereliction of duty — misuse of government travel card.

An airman was reduced to airman basic for drunk driving.

Mission Report As of Wednesday	T-1A Goal: 853.0 hrs. Flown: 946.1 hrs.		T-37 Goal: 933 Flown: 836		Students graduated in FY03: 151 Next graduating class: SUPT Class 03-08
	T-38A Goal: 56 Flown: 120		T-38C Goal: 393 Flown: 483		

NEWS BRIEFS

Spouse briefing

A spouse aircraft briefing begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Auditorium. The briefing covers different lifestyles associated with different airframes and assignment locations. The briefings are given by spouses of the 14th Operations Group’s instructor pilots. It is geared toward spouses of student pilots. For more information on the briefing, call Patricia Speights at Ext. 7158.

Burrito sale

The Columbus AFB Company Grade Officers’ Council sponsors a burrito sale for lunch April 25. The sales begin Wednesday through April 23. The choices are beef or bean burritos for \$1.50 each. Salsa and sour cream are provided. For more information, speak to a unit CGOC representative or call Ext. 7065.

Chapel services

Throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, the chapel staff invites anyone to stop by the chapel for prayer from noon to 1 p.m. People are welcome to take five, 10 or 15 minutes during their lunch hour to pray for the people overseas. For more information, call Ext. 2500.

Monthly activities start at exchange

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Base agencies kicked off Month of the Military Child, National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Youth Violence Prevention Month April 4. The event was held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m in the exchange foyer. It featured a fingerprinting station and free material on child-related topics. The life skills support center and family advocacy gave out information about dealing with stressful situations, encouraging a child’s self esteem and disciplin- ing a child. “Activities like this are to help make people aware of different ways to handle situations,” said Sharon Nichols, 14th Medical Operations Squadron. “This event is designed to help strengthen the Air Force families.”

The 14th Security Forces Squadron gave parents the opportunity to have their children’s fingerprints taken for free. “Having my daughter’s fingerprints would be helpful in times of need,” said Airman 1st Class Calvin Williams, 14th Security Forces Squadron. “If anything ever happened, it would help to identify and track my daughter.” In honor of child abuse prevention month, blue ribbons are



Julie Jones
Airman 1st Class Calvin Williams, 14th Security Forces Squadron, fingerprints his daughter, Reneshia Williams, at the exchange.

worn or used to decorate people’s homes. This tradition started in the spring of 1989 when a Chesapeake grandmother began the Blue Ribbon Campaign. It was a testimonial to her 3-year-old grandson, who was murdered by his mother’s abusive boyfriend. For more information about the month’s activities, call Ext. 2239.

ple are busy fighting a war.

“This is just what we want — a personnel data system that seamlessly and reliably acts as the backbone for the Air Force,” he said. The general said success will be measured when field commanders’ attitude toward the personnel data systems is ‘benign indifference,’ when they don’t have to think about the personnel data system and instead can focus on their mission. “We’re one step closer to that,” he said. “Without this and future upgrades, all we might have left, after bringing MilPDS online, is an instant ‘legacy’ system,” said Colonel Rivers. Upgrades are necessary to avoid having the new system become obsolete before it’s even two years old,

“which is what we faced without an upgrade,” she said. The “last sigh of relief” came after making it through the heavy end-of-the-month transaction period “without a hitch,” despite major updates of everything from pay to promotions, officials said. “With this upgrade, no news is good news,” the general said. What was different this time from the launch of MilPDS in June of 2001 was better teamwork and more deliberate testing, Colonel Rivers said. “We ran thousands of tests before making the data- base changes; and we were confident of success,” she said. “Otherwise we wouldn’t have gone ahead with it in the first place.” (Courtesy of AFPC News.)

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.

Serving your country makes a tremendous career

Col. A.J. Stewart
71st Flying Training Wing commander

VANCE AFB, Okla. — I read the news everyday and it occurs to me I have been fairly disconnected from the current financial cloudy days. For 22 years, I’ve never wondered about my paycheck. I’ve never actually seen one since they have been direct-deposited to the exact same account number since I was a cadet. I’ve never worried about affording health care for my family. Most of the time, health care was free. My kids were all born in military hospitals and received the very best of care. Truthfully, I’ve always made enough money to live comfortably, and today very comfortably. Every year I’ve earned 30 days of paid vacation and lived in “gated” communities among my very good friends and colleagues.

The opportunities for education, experience and career advancement have been nearly boundless. I have received, free of charge, training in an array of courses from small arms, unarmed combat, survival, CPR, chemical warfare defense, navigation, leadership and too many more to begin to name. Help for anything I needed was never more than a phone call away to a first sergeant or commander at worst, and at best right next door. Commissary, base exchange, my very own club, a world-class fitness center, a bowling center, golf course, child care facility, library, auto skills center, wood hobby shop, youth center, swimming pools — I can use them all for nominal fees or for free. My retirement system is outstanding. Don’t believe me? Ask some of your civilian friends or family members with company-funded retirement funds based in the stock market. The news is not good. Some folks who planned to retire, can’t.

Best of all, I get the immeasurable satisfaction that comes from honorably and proudly serving our country. I have the respect of the American public. Check the polling data and you’ll find uniformed military men and women are at the top of the list of respected professions. So, what has this great life cost me? Family separations, early mornings and late nights, hard work, and missed holidays and birthdays, among others. But that list applies to most professions today. I left out the fact I might be put in harm’s way or even die for my service to the country. So did thousands on Sept. 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center. What’s my point? Serving the country in the Air Force is a tremendous career when you take into account all the tangible and intangible benefits. Knowing what I know now, I’d start over and do it all again.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

Question: Is it possible to put a “search/go to” button? This would make it easier to put in ‘publications’ or ‘military personnel flight’ than to spend time clicking through many windows trying to find it. Thanks.

Answer: Thank you for your interest in our base intranet. We are networking the wing webpage to streamline and make things easier to find and more user friendly.

As for the search button, addition of this option at the moment will require

additional software, training, and personnel to build, track and maintain. This option is available on most commercial web-sites that you visit, but the companies pay a professional web search service to maintain it. The use of a commercial search engine on our intranet is not possible because of security concerns. As our comm squadron updates its network architecture, we will continue to look at providing new services network customers can use to make searches easier and faster.

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the BLAZEWEB at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



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Clinic:	
Family Practice.....	434-2172
Appointment Desk.....	434-2273
After Hours Care.....	434-2273
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Lieutenant gets silver wings from past generations

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Public affairs

As a young boy sitting on his grandfathers' knees listening to tales of flying through the skies and the thrills of being a pilot, 2nd Lt. Ryan Venhuizen developed a natural love of aviation.

Those stories stuck with him through Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training when both his grandfathers, who flew during World War II, pinned on his silver wings April 4.

Lieutenant Venhuizen, SUPT Class 03-07, graduated from the 50th Flying Training Squadron and will train to fly B-1B Lancers at Dyess AFB, Texas.

"This whole year is a culmination of many things, and it's great to have my family here to share this experience with me," Lieutenant Venhuizen said. "It's something I've been dreaming about since I was a little kid."

William Venhuizen, or Grandpa Bill, was stationed at Columbus AFB in the 1940s and answered the nation's call during WWII. He flew B-25, B-24 and B-29 bombers.

"It was awesome to see him receive his wings," Mr. Venhuizen said. "It's such a thrill to see him get what he's had his heart set on his whole life."

Lieutenant Venhuizen's other grandfather, John Beukema, volunteered for pilot training when America got involved in WWII.

"I just couldn't be prouder," Mr. Beukema said. "Not only has he made this accomplishment, he's a good kid too."

"I think his other grandpa and I were a pretty good influence on him," Mr. Venhuizen said. "We're just so proud of him."

Columbus AFB has been flooded with phone calls to ask what can people do to show their support for service members, especially those serving overseas.

"This problem has been compounded even more by the fact the Department of Defense suspended the 'Operation Dear Abby' and 'Any Servicemember' programs," said Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman, family readiness NCO. "They allowed individuals or groups to send packages using the names and addresses of individual servicemembers or unit addresses."

Although the programs created an outlet for providing support for friends and loved ones, it also created two problems, according to the DOD. One, it established an avenue to introduce hazardous chemicals or materials from an anonymous source. Second, the program slowed down the mail system, limiting the transportation of war-fighting material and mail from family and loved ones.



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Second Lt. Ryan Venhuizen, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-07, watches while grandfathers, William Venhuizen (left) and John Beukeman (right), straighten his wings.

Many outlets available for those who want to support troops

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

"With an ever-increasing threat to deployed troops it is imperative we protect them, but at the same time provide support to them during deployment," Sergeant Coleman said.

The family support center offered some solutions:

- ❑ Donate a phone card at www.operationuplink.org or www.defendamerica.mil.
- ❑ Send a greeting card via e-mail at www.anyservicemember.navy.mil or www.OperationDearAbby.net.
- ❑ Sign a virtual thank-you card at the Defend America Web site at www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html.
- ❑ Make a donation to one of the military relief societies: Army Emergency Relief at www.aerhq.org; Navy/Marine Relief Society at www.nmcra.org; Air Force Aid Society at www.afas.org; Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at www.cgmahq.org.
- ❑ Donate to "Operation USO Care Package" at www.usometrod.org.
- ❑ Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at

www.redcross.org/services/afes.

- ❑ Volunteer at a Veterans Administration hospital to honor veterans.
- ❑ Army and Air Force Exchange Service currently has 34 stores located throughout the Southwest Asian theater in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CertifiChecks can be redeemed at these facilities to purchase items such as health and beauty items, soft drinks, candy, snack items, pre-paid calling cards, music, DVD players and much more.

CertifiChecks can be bought at <http://www.certifichecks.com>.

For those at Columbus AFB who have a



Lee Chouinard

Raquel Underbrink, who's husband is on a remote tour, talks to Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman, family readiness NCO.

family deployed, the exchange has a wall dedicated to supporting the troops.

Mail from family members and loved ones has always been encouraged and the military mail system will continue to work hard to get that mail to servicemembers overseas, the DOD said.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

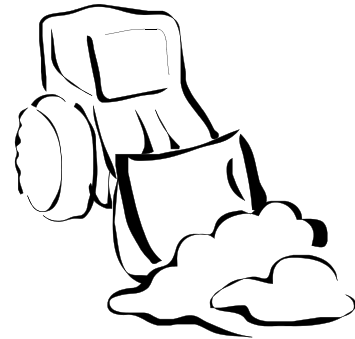
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES



The theater is closed for renovations until further notice. For more information, call the shoppette at 434-6026.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

**Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.**
Air Force Television News
**Monday through April 18
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.**
*College Level Examination
Program Tapes:
Humanities*

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Videophones: Videophones are available for family members of deployed, TDY or remote military.

Teaching briefing: An information workshop for people interested in learning to become a teacher is from 1 to 3 p.m. April 17 at the education center. The event gives information on how to become certified as a teacher. Representatives from Mississippi University for Women, Americorps and Mississippi Troops to Teachers are at the workshop.

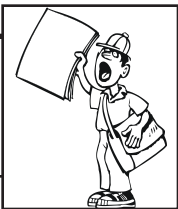
For more information, call the family support center or Luther Turner at Ext. 2565.

Spouse employment: The spouse employment initiative program is an eight-week Microsoft Office environment computer course designed for integration of Microsoft programs. Class is from 6 to 9 p.m. April 29 and continues Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information or to register, call the family support center.

Children and war: The family support center offers their services to help parents explain war and deployments to their children.

Stop by the FSC to pick up complete packages to help make children less confused.

BASE NOTES



Playgroup: The Mommy and Me playgroup is from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays at the youth center.

This is a weekly playgroup for ages 18 months to 3 years and their parents. There is no cost.

Fathers are always welcome. For more information, call Birgit Coslett at 434-5876.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Canned goodness

First Lt. Justin Frye, 48th Flying Training Squadron, donates some canned goods to the company grade officers' council canned food drive for the Mark Mitchell Center for abused and neglected children. The last day for people to donate food, clothes and diapers is today. For more information, call Ext. 2546 or Ext. 7944.

Commissioning brief: The mass commissioning brief is from 9 to 11 a.m. April 24 at the education center.

The event covers an overview of all the enlisted commissioning programs as well as invited guest speakers.

For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 2562.

Change of command: The 14th Medical Operations Squadron's change of command is at 9 a.m. April 23 at the wing ceremonial plaza.

Lt. Col. Harvey Kelley will be relinquishing command to Lt. Col. Kathryn Hall.

OSC social: The Columbus AFB Officers' Spouses Club deadline to sign up for the next social is noon May 6.

The social is at 6:30 p.m. May 13 at the Columbus Club. The menu is lasagna with salad for \$11.50. Club members receive a \$2 discount. For reservations or more information, call 434-5511 or e-mail davidjeastman@cablcone.net.

Law day: The 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office announces activities for Law Day 2003. Law Day is May 1, and this year the theme is "In Pursuit of Peace."

Activities include a Law Day Art Contest for grades 1 to 8. Entries are due

no later than 5 p.m. April 25.

Complete rules may be obtained at the legal office. For more information, call Ext. 7034 or email charissa.pipes@columbus.af.mil.

Additional activities will be announced at a later date.

Vacation bible school: Registration for vacation bible school begins April 21 to June 2. This year's theme is SCUBA — Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure.

The VBS lasts from 9 a.m. to noon June 2 through June 6.

Volunteers are needed for this program.

For more information or to volunteer, call Joy Garrison at Ext. 2500.

Car care: The auto hobby shop offers basic car care classes.

The classes teach oil changes, tire rotations and many other do-it-yourself skills. For more information or to sign up for a class, call Ext. 7842.

Thrift store: The thrift store is now taking spring and summer items for consignment one hour before shop closes.

The shop is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

The next garage sale is from 8 to 11 a.m. May 3. For more information, call 434-2954.

Services brings program varieties to base people

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club's American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 61 numbers or less. Admission fees for non-members are \$5. Call Ext. 2489.

Variety night: Disc jockey Maze offers rhythm and blues sounds starting at 9 p.m. tonight at the enlisted lounge.

Kids' Kamp 2003: Registration for this program is at the youth center for children ages 5 to 12. A \$10 per week deposit is required the day of registration. Weekly fees are based on family income. Call Ext. 2504.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip April 18 to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss.

Cost is \$15 per person, and it includes transportation and \$15 in coins.

The bus departs at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 2:30 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

Teen dance: The youth center offers a teen dance from 8 to 11 p.m. April 18. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

A preteen dance is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. April 26. Call Ext. 2504.

Dinner theater: "Play it Again Sam," a dinner theater is April 19 at the Columbus Club.

The play is a comedy about the nerdy film critic's obsession with Humphrey Bogart. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$30 for non-members.

Tickets on sale at the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 2489.

Beale Street music festival: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Memphis, Tenn. Beale Street music festival May 2 to May 4. The festival features all types of music includes blues, rock, gospel, rhythm and blues, soul and alternative.

Cost is \$125 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging (double occupancy). Tickets to the music festival are sold separately. A \$50 deposit is required when registering. Limited seating is available. Call Ext. 7858.

Canton flea market: In May and October of every year, the city of Canton, Miss., closes down for one of the largest flea markets and crafts fairs in this region.

The day will be filled with crafts, vendors, specialty item vendors and foods of all sorts. The next market is May 8 and the information, ticket and travel office is offering this trip for \$20 per person which includes transportation.

Call Ext. 7858 for a reservation.

Preteen lock-in: Registration ends April 28 for this all-night event for ages 9 to 12. Cost is \$10 and includes midnight meal, snacks, breakfast, movies, games, music and many other activities throughout the night. Lock-in starts at 9 p.m. May 17 and ends at 7 a.m. May 18.

Call Ext. 2504.

Whitewater rafting trip: Join the information, ticket and travel staff down the white waters of the Ocoee River in Tennessee June 7 to June 9.

Cost is \$95 per person and includes two meals, two nights lodging, transportation, guide service and river run. A \$50 deposit is required when registering. Call Ext. 7858.

Family child care: People who want to stay home with their children but want to earn extra income can look into providing childcare in their home on base.

Call the family child care office at Ext. 2479.



Pam Wickham

And the winner is ...

Col. James Playford, 14th Mission Support Group commander, and Ed Nunn, Columbus Club manager, select the semi-finalists for the AETC Premier Vacation Promotion to win a \$3,500 vacation package from the information, ticket and travel office. Columbus AFB semi-finalists include Col. Steve Schmidt, Col. Bryan Funke, Lt. Col. Rick Johnson, Senior Airman Kevin Martens, Regina Bowen, Margaret Evans, Cathy Eiland, Billy McLeod, Dana Sparks and Don Strickland.

Spring Fling

*Saturday
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at Freedom Park*

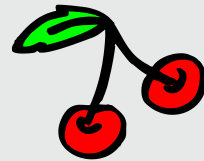
Featuring egg hunts for
ages 1 to 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 10
and 11 and older

Other activities include:
game booths, bouncy castle,
youth skills demonstrations,
food booths, face painting,
hat making and special appearances
by Sparky, McGruff and
the Easter Bunny.

Call Ext. 2504
for more information.

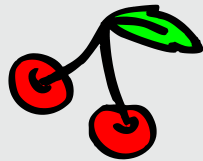
Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$7.95 per person
Club members receive \$2 discount
Cost includes vegetable,
tossed salad and beverage
Ala carte menu also available



Today
Fried catfish
Stuffed crab
Cherry cobbler

Monday
Fried chicken
Pork loin
Banana pudding



Tuesday
Chicken fried steak
Sausage & peppers
Peach cobbler

Wednesday
Lasagna
Baked fish
Assorted cakes

Thursday
Soup, salad
and potato bar

Performance: The closing performance of "Just South of Broadway" at Streetcar Productions in East Columbus' Gateway Center is today at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and covers a three-course meal and the show.

Military discounts are offered. For more information, call 240-1832.

Pilgrimage: The yearly Columbus Pilgrimage continues through Sunday with tours of more than 15 pre-civil war homes and churches. Candlelit evening tours of Temple Heights, Aldan Hall and Magnolia Hill are 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

The Grampa Woo excursion yacht has arrived from Mobile, Ala., for weekend cruises on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

The final performance of Tales from the Crypt is 7 to 10 p.m. today at Friendship Cemetery on 4th Street South. Military discounts are offered. Visit the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center on Main Street for information

and tickets on all events or call 800-920-3533 or 328-0222.

Trash to treasures: The Trash to Treasures is Saturday at the Columbus Fairgrounds. It's a flea market with antiques and craft exhibits. There is no admission fee. For more information, call 494-5698 or 329-8783.

Lecture series: A lecture series by writer Kim Whitehead is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Rosenzweig Arts Center. "This Is Your Life: Memoir Writing," series costs \$10 and requires reservations. For more information or to make reservations, call the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787 or visit www.columbusarts.org.

Egg hunt: Lake Lowdnes Easter Egg Hunt begins at 2 p.m. April 19. The egg hunt is open for 12 years and younger. Games are open to every age. For more information, call 328-2110.

Festival: Market Street Festival in downtown Columbus is May 3 with food booths, bands and family fun.

For more information, call 328-6305.

Re-enactment: The 137th annual recreation of the solemn gesture that four Columbus women performed April 25, 1866, which evolved in to the nation's Memorial Day is at 4 p.m. May 25 at Friendship Cemetery.

Green thumbs: Growing season is here and Mississippi State University's extension service offers a toll-free horticulture hotline at (888) 920-4678 to help gardeners get lawns under control and plant beautiful gardens.

Master gardeners answer questions ranging from basic yard problems to creating a butterfly garden. Another resource on gardening is www.msucares.com.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Pumping up
Brandon Sokura, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, lifts weights at the fitness and sports center. For information about the center, call Ext. 2772.

SHORTS

Adult golf clinic

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers an adult golf clinic starting at 9 a.m. Saturday for beginners only.

Class will work on the fundamentals of the golf swing and lasts approximately one hour. Cost is \$5 per person. Call Ext. 7932.

Egg Hunt Fun Run/Walk

Take in a 1.5-mile walk or a 3-mile run at 11 a.m. April 18 at the fitness center.

Eggs are hidden along the way with a prize card inside. Prizes are given at the end of the race.

Children in strollers are welcome to come along. Call Ext. 2773.

No-tap bowling

The next no-tap bowling with a spin is April 18. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling experience not required. Call Ext. 2426.

Bowling specials

In celebration of the month of the military child, the bowling center offers a family bowling and food special for \$3.50 which includes a hot dog, fries, small soda, one game of bowling and shoe rental during open bowling. Additional hot dogs are \$1 each and additional games are \$1 each. Also available for families only — bowl two games and get a coupon for one free game. Call Ext. 2426.

Soccer standings

The following are the intramural league standings as of Sunday.

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
Green	5	0	0
Red	3	2	0
Grey	2	2	0
Gold	1	3	1
Blue	0	4	1

Bowling standings

The following are the intramural Thursday league standings as of April 3.

Team	Wins	Losses
Misfits	154	70
Strokin	140	84
14th OSS	120	102
SFS #1	106	118
48th FTS	100	124
SFS #2	32	184

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